

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Immigrant Visa Unit, 020-5755331, ImmigrantVisasAMS@state.gov Museumplein 19, 1071 DJ AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR YOUR FINAL VISA INTERVIEW

Please find the exact date and time of your interview in the accompanying letter. All members of your family immigrating with you must appear with you on the appointment date. If you *cannot* keep the appointment, please notify this office at once (31 (0)20 575 5331/5333 or ImmigrantVisasAMS@state.gov).

ENTERING THE CONSULATE ON THE APPOINTMENT DATE: Please present the appointment letter to the receptionist/guard.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION: All intending immigrants, regardless of age, are required to undergo medical examinations, prior to the visa interview. Complete instructions for these examinations are enclosed.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS & COPIES: Please bring with you all original documents pertinent to your case. Your application will be refused if you fail to bring the required original documentation. A summary of required documents is listed below for your convenience. Please make PLAIN PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. At the Consulate your copies will be compared with your originals. The originals will then be returned to you. Failure to present photocopies will result in your original documents becoming part of your visa.

- The appointment letter;
- Passport for each applicant, valid for at least eight months beyond the interview date;
- Form DS-230 part 2, unless already submitted
- Birth certificate required for each applicant;
- Color photographs: 2"x2" format, 4 for each person. (Two to bring to the medical examination, two to bring to the final interview.)
- Police Certificate IF required; court and prison records, if applicable

- Marriage certificate, if applicable;
- Divorce decree, or death certificate of spouse, if applicable;
- Evidence of financial support: Form I-864 and supporting documents, properly filled out, signed and assembled; one form per applicant, required for both of you;
- Beneficiaries of employment based petitions should bring a recent, notarized letter from the prospective employer, on company letterhead paper, confirming the essential elements of the job offer.
- Military record, if applicable

TRANSLATIONS: All documents not in English or in Dutch must be accompanied by a certified translation into English. The English translations must be done by a sworn translator.

CHILDREN IN PARENT'S PASSPORT: A child 16 years or older included in a parents' passport, but without a photograph must have a passport of its own. Upon entry into the U.S. the visa will serve as your initial 'green card' until the actual alien resident card is sent to your U.S. address. It is therefore advisable to always arrange for a separate passport for a child, regardless of age.

FEES

The immigrant visa application/processing fee is \$404 per person regardless of age. Unless **already paid** in the U.S. by your petitioner, the \$404 fee is required for each visa application.

Diversity Lottery immigrant visa applicants: fee to be paid on your interview date: \$440

Each person immigrating, regardless of age, requires a separate immigrant visa.

Even if a person is found ineligible to receive a visa, this fee cannot be refunded.

Fee payment at the Consulate on your interview date; \$- or the equivalent in euro, to be paid in cash or by credit card. (American Express, Diners Club, Discover, MasterCard or Visa Card). DEBIT CARDS AND OTHER CREDIT CARDS OR PIN CARDS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. The Consulate is not authorized to accept checks

Information on Consular fees can be found on the following website:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1263.html#perm

YOU MUST BRING REGISTERED MAIL POSTAGE STAMPS to the Consulate General as your passport with your immigrant visa and your visa package will be mailed to your Dutch address within a week after your interview.

TRAVEL WITH IMMIGRANT VISA: You are advised not to make any travel arrangements for departure from this country, not to dispose of your property or give up your job until the visa has been issued to you. An immigrant visa is usually valid for a maximum of six (6) months from the day of issuance. You must travel to the United States within that six month period, if possible without transit.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE:</u> Section 203(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act requires that an intending immigrant pursue his or her visa application within one year from the date he or she is informed that it is possible to do so. This is our notice to you that it is now possible for you to pursue your application for a visa. If you fail to do so within one year from the date of this appointment, your application and any visa petition approved for you will be cancelled.

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